

SENATE RESOLUTION 239

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Camden Central High School Lady Lions on winning the 2010 TSSAA Class AA State Softball Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Camden Central High School Lady Lions achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2010 season, winning the TSSAA Class AA State Softball Championship, and the school's first ever state championship title in any sport; and

WHEREAS, a softball powerhouse with a tradition of excellence, the Lady Lions of Camden Central High School compiled a phenomenal season record of 41-7 as they laid claim to their first state championship title; and

WHEREAS, devouring the competition, the Lady Lions faced defending state champion Unicoi County in the first round of the state tournament and gained a 2-0 victory with stellar defense and quality pitching of UT-Martin bound Amanda Brandenburg; and

WHEREAS, pulling out a 3-2 victory over Westview in the second round, Camden kept their composure in the nail-biting game that was delayed almost an hour by rain with the score tied at two-all; and

WHEREAS, in the next round of the double-elimination format the Lady Lions faced an old West Tennessee foe, the Covington Lady Chargers; falling by one run, 4-5, Camden was relegated to the loser's bracket where they quickly rebounded with a decisive 5-1 victory over Knoxville Gibbs; and

WHEREAS, having earned the right to face Covington again in the championship game and avenge their earlier loss, the Lady Lions needed to defeat their foe twice to become state champions as a second loss would have given the trophy to their West Tennessee rivals; and

WHEREAS, totally dominating their rival in every aspect of play, the Camden Lady Lions thrashed Covington in the first game 16-7 to set up a winner take all final and then used timely hitting, superb pitching, and amazing fielding to defeat the Lady Chargers of Covington High School, 4-1, in the final game as they earned the right to the title of State Champions; and

WHEREAS, state championships are won only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel together with a cooperative spirit; the Lady Lions exhibited each of these rare qualities during their 2010 championship season; and

WHEREAS, on their march to the state title the Lady Lions enjoyed the able leadership and guidance of Head Coach Stacey Baker and also benefited from the hard work and instruction of Assistant Coach David Fisher; and

WHEREAS, the members of this historic championship team are: Heather Kee, Amanda Brandenburg, Heather Capps, Torri Hensley, Mary Beth Markham, Katelyn Arnold, Lacy Fisher, Rachel Bradford, Madison Matlock, Sunni Duffey, Laiken Kelly, Jessie Robinson, Hayley Smothers, Shelby Evans, and Deven Wilson; and

WHEREAS, the softball players of Camden Central High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the field while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship softball season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Camden Central High School Lady Lions for winning the 2010 TSSAA Class AA State Softball Championship and for serving as examples of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Head

Coach Stacey Baker, Assistant Coach David Fisher, and the Camden Central High School Lady Lions on their remarkable 2010 season and upon winning the TSSAA Class AA State Softball Tournament Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.